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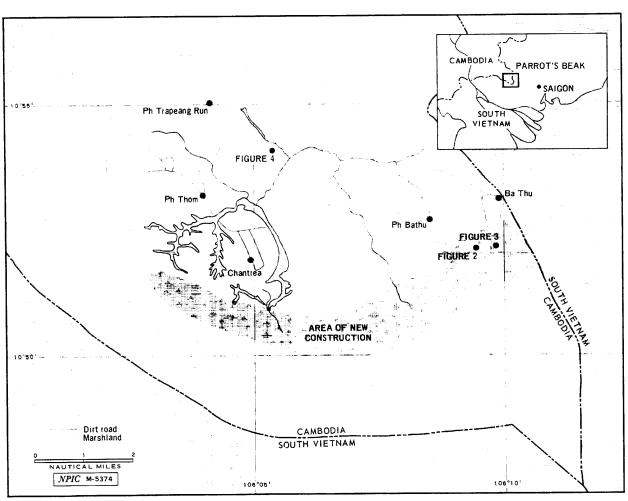


FIGURE 1. GENERAL LOCATION MAP.

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Communist Insurgency, Parrot's Beak, Cambodia

A comparison of photography covering the southern tip of the "Parrot's Beak" in southeastern Cambodia (Figure 1) with photography of reveals a marked increase in activity within this 25X1D previously identified area of Communist insurgency. 1/ The activity is highlighted by the construction of numerous new structures, foxholes, trenches, bunkers, and the presence of an unusually large number of pirogues.

The Parrot's Beak, a salient of Cambodian territory which juts into the Mekong Delta of South Vietnam, extends to within 35 nautical miles (nm) of Saigon and is a staging area for Communist attacks against both the capital and allied military installations in the border region.

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had more 25X1B than doubled. (A high density area is shown in Figure 2.) The majority of the new buildings are constructed on stilts along numerous uncharted streams which meander through the marshland and, in many instances, cross the border into South Vietnam.

A complex, possibly an insurgent headquarters, consisting of 180 buildings, bunkers, trenching, and a perimeter fence is located within this marshland 1 nm south of the border village of Ba Thu and just west of the border (Figure 3).

A probable support and storage complex, 3.5 nm west of Ba Thu, consists of 40 buildings, all of which were constructed since The buildings, interspersed with foxholes, trenching, and bunkers, are generally larger than the other insurgents' structures found in the Parrot's Beak. One of the buildings within the complex has five chimneys and may contain forging facilities (Figure 4).

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FIGURE 2. NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS WITHIN PARROT'S BEAK AREA OF CAMBODIA.

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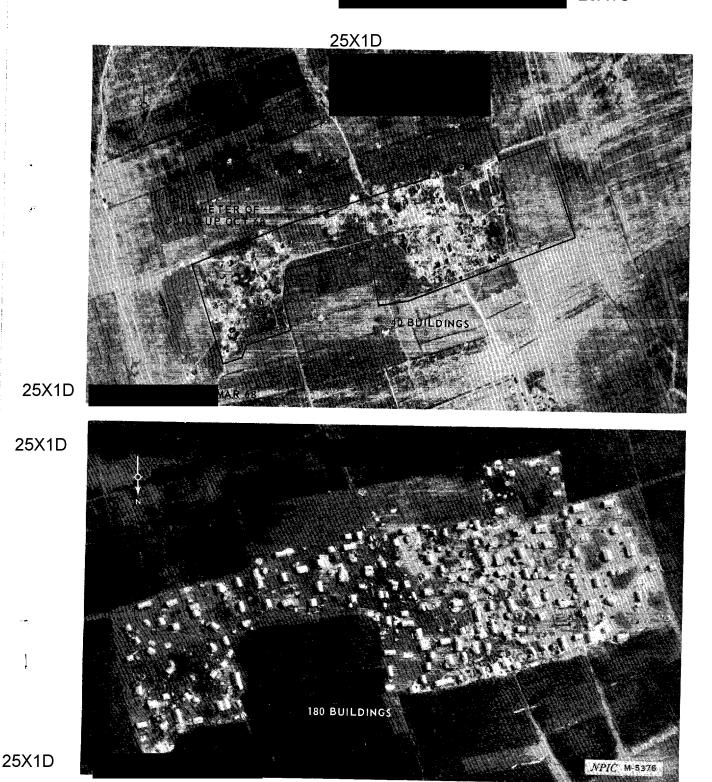
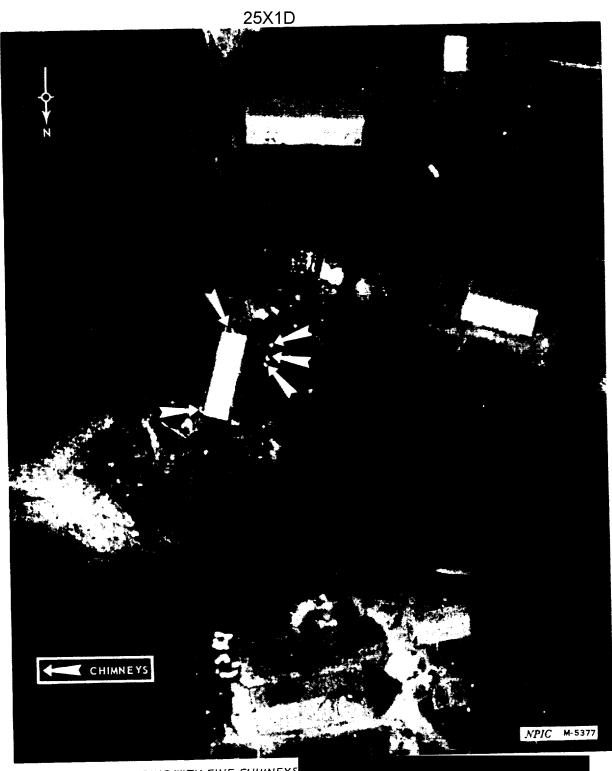


FIGURE 3. EXAMPLE OF RAPID GROWTH OF PROBABLE INSURGENT HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX, CAMBODIA.

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FIGURE 4. BUILDING WITH FIVE CHIMNEYS

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